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BEGIN SUMMARY: GOP TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENCY HAS REQUESTED COMPREHENSIVE ON- THE- JOB TRAINING FOR 12 OF ITS EMPLOYEES AT FCC. MISSION BELIEVES U. S. MILITARY, OFFICIAL CIVILIAN AND PRIVATE INTERESTS WOULD BE SERVED BY PROVIDING SUCH TRAINING. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF TRAINING PROGRAM WHEN FORMAL REQUEST SUBMITTED. ALSO REQUEST WASHINGTON AGENCIES EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE IN MEETING TRAINING COSTS. END SUMMARY.

1. PHILIPPINE RADIO CONTROL OFFICE (PRCO), GOP ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY FOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WHICH WORKS CLOSELY WITH CINCPACREPHIL JOINT FREQUENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (JFCC), HAS SENT REQUEST TO DFA TO BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY FOR ON- THE- JOB TRAINING WITH FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON, D. C. DFA EXPECTED CONVEY REQUEST BY NOTE TO EMBASSY IN NEAR FUTURE. UNDER GOP REORGANIZATION NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED, UNCLASSIFIED

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FUNCTIONS OF PRCO ARE BEING GREATLY EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS. TRAINING SOUGHT FOR KEY PERSONNEL IN U. S. WILL HELP PRCO IN MORE EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION IN PHILIPPINES OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

2. ACCORDING PRCO LETTER OF MAR 13 SENT TO DFA, TRAINING SOUGHT FOR 12 PRCO PERSONNEL TIONAL NATURE. ALSO, PERHAPS ANOTHER SPANISH PORT COULD BE CONSIDERED. PANSAS REMARKED DPC WAS AT AN IMPASSE, BUT THAT THERE WERE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES APPROVING, ONLY ONE STRONG NEGATIVE POSITION, AND A FEW SILENCES.

11. AT THIS POINT THE LUXEMBOURGER (HOSTERT), NOTING HIS COUNTRY HAD NO NAVY, SAID HE WAS QUITE READY TO ACCEPT THE MAJORITY VIEW.

12. PANSAS THEN APPEALED TO THOSE EITHER NEGATIVE OR SILENT (NORWAY NEGATIVE; DANES, DUTCH AND ICELAND SILENT) TO ASK THEIR AUTHORITIES TO RE- CONSIDER IN LIGHT OF "FREAT SUPPORT" FOR VISIT AND NON- POLITICAL CHARACTER. DE STAERCKE, TRYING TO BE HELPFUL, SUGGESTED AN ALTERNATIVE PRESS POLICY, WRITTEN "IN AN OBJECTIVE WAY", CITING DEFENSE NEEDS AND NOT CALLING ATTENTION TO ONE VISIT. PANSAS PICKED THIS UP, SAYING PRESS RELEASE COULD MERELY SAY THAT FORCE WAS BEING ACTIVATED AND WOULD BE MAKING SOME CALLS.

13. KRAPE, SUPPRTED BY CATALANO, SUGGESTING DELETING COUNTRY NAMES SO THAT VISIT TO SPAIN WOULD NOT BE QUITE SO OBVIOUS. MCAULIFFE SAW THIS AS WORTHWHILE SUGGESTION. LT GEN READ (DIRECTOR IMS) SAID PRESS POLICY COULD BE REVISED BUT TIME WAS SHORT IN VIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS THAT MUST BE MADE.

14. BUSCH, ON DEFENSIVE, SAID IT WOULD NOT BE ANY EASIER FOR HIS AUTHORITIES TO ACCEPT ANOTHER SPANISH PORT. HE ALSO SAW IT AS INAPPROPRIATE THAT DPC WAS FOCUSING ON OPERATIONAL INSTEAD OF POLITICAL ASPECTS.

15. PANSAS, TRYING TO END DEBATE, SUGGESTED PASSING PROBLEM BACK TO MC AND SACEUR WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO RE- WORK PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY, STRESSING PURELY MILITARY ASPECTS, DELETE " SPAIN" AND CONSIDER A LESS SENSITIVE PORT IN SPAIN. THIS WAS AGREED. HE ALSO STRESSED CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DISCUSSION.

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16. NOT GIVING UP, BUSCH SAW IT AS GOING A BIT FAR TO STRESS OPERATIONAL ASPECTS: THE LACK OF OPERATIONAL JUSTIFICATION HAS AROUSED SUSPICIONS IN NORWAY AS TO THE REAL REASON FOR THE VISIT. KRAPF WONDERED IF ANYONE THOUGHT THAT SPAIN WOULD NOT BE OPERATIONALLY IMPORTANT IN CASE OF WAR. DE STAERCKE AGREED WITH STRESSING THAT WHICH IS ALREADY OBVIOUS, THE OPERATIONAL NATURE OF VISIT.

17. DPC WILL CONSIDER QUESTION AGAIN AT CONCLUSION OF COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 18. MISSION' S RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.
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